

Drop-In Bulletin
New Medicare Preventive Services
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(Longer Version)

New Preventive Services from Medicare Available Now!

Living a healthy lifestyle is important and Medicare wants to help you stay healthy. New preventive benefits are available now. People with Medicare can start taking advantage of the following new preventive services:

Cardiovascular Screening

Medicare covers cardiovascular screening tests for early detection of, or to identify a high risk for developing, heart disease.

Diabetes Screening

Medicare covers diabetes screening to test blood sugar levels to find out if you have diabetes or if you are at high risk for it.

A one-time “Welcome to Medicare” Physical Exam

Medicare will cover a one-time “Welcome to Medicare” physical exam within the first six months after you have Medicare Part B.

For more information about these important preventive services, call your Indian Health Provider or 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). You can call 1-800-MEDICARE 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer your Medicare questions. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. Information is also available at www.medicare.gov on the web.

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